

WASHINGTON, D.C. A wide range of southwest Georgia projects are included in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill passed by the U.S. House Monday (12/8), the measure that covers funding for a substantial part of the federal government for the current fiscal year, Representative Sanford Bishop announced. The Second District Congressman, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, also assisted in obtaining funding for other projects in Georgia.

"Although this was a year in which much less revenue was available for community development, our area of Georgia fared well in this year's appropriations' process," Representative Bishop said. "The projects funded in this bill can give our area a tremendous economic boost."

The following southwest Georgia funds are included in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which covers the Departments of Labor; Health and Human Services; Commerce, Justice, and State; Veterans, and House and Urban Development; Transportation:

AGRICULTURE PROJECTS

2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TOTAL: \$10,685,000

- * National Peanut Laboratory - \$635,000
- * Agriculture Water Policy Research Center - \$900,000
- * Water Use Efficiency - University of Georgia at Tifton - \$450,000
- * Improve Georgia Cotton Fiber - University of Georgia at Tifton - \$450,000
- * Flint River Water Planning and Policy Ctr - \$940,000
- * Flint River - Georgia Agriculture Water Conservation Initiative - \$1,725,000
- * Children's Nutrition Research Center - Joint project between Baylor University and the Peanut Institute - \$833,000
- * Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission - \$3,600,000
- * University of Georgia Agriculture Water Use/Innovative Tools for Conservation - \$262,000
- * University of Georgia Improving Reproductive Fitness of Broiler Breeder Hens using Alternative Feed Ingredients \$270,000
- * Georgia Pecan Growers Association - Pecan Scab Disease - Insect Control - \$270,000
- * Community Nutrient Management Facilities (poultry waste management) - \$350,000

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE PROJECTS

2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TOTAL: \$525,000

- * \$50,000 - Americus, Georgia /Sumter County - "Visions for Sumter"
- * \$100,000 - Big Brothers/Sisters of Southwest Georgia - "Buddies in School"
- * \$75,000 - Urban League of Columbus, "Chattahoochee Court Appointed Special Advocate program"
- * \$50,000 - Valdosta Technical College, "Roadmap to Success"
- * \$250,000 Moultrie Police Department

LABOR, HHS and EDUCATION PROJECTS

2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TOTAL: \$1,850,000

- * Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital construction (Moultrie) - \$75,000
- * Valley Healthcare System, Inc. (Columbus) - \$500,000
- * Moultrie Technical College distance learning technical upgrade (Moultrie) - \$25,000
- * Darton College rural technology network (Albany) - \$200,000
- * Tifton County Public Library - \$50,000
- * National Science Foundation Center (Augusta/Albany State) - \$1,000,000

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TOTAL: \$8,550,000

- * Albany GA. Multi/Intermodal Facility - \$1,000,000
- * Regional Transit Demonstration Project [Southwest Georgia] - (Quitman, Clay, Randolph, Stewart Counties); - \$500,000
- * Leesburg Multi/Intermodal Facility Restoration - \$300,000
- * Phase II of the Moultrie Streetscape Initiative - Moultrie - \$500,000
- * Widening of Georgia Route-133 - \$5,250,000
- * Georgia statewide bus purchase and bus facility renovation for Rome and Albany - \$1,000,000

Veterans Administration, Housing & Urban Development, and Independent Agency Projects

2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TOTAL: \$5,075,000

- * Land Acquisition for Wilson Camp Project, Columbus - \$360,000
- * Rural History Resource Center Construction & Facilities, Plains - \$100,000
- * Demolition and initial construction of swift property, City of Moultrie - \$525,000
- * Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Building Renovation - \$100,000
- * Restoration of Westville Village's History Alive Building, Lumpkin - \$75,000
- * Renovation of the Old Richland Hotel, City of Richland Downtown Development Authority - \$75,000
- * Renovation of Historic Douglas High School Alumni Association Complex, Thomasville - \$75,000
- * Renovation and Construction of the Faith Community Outreach Center, Inc. and Renovation of the SOWEGA Council of Aging's Site One Senior Center Kitchen - \$115,000 (\$57,500 each)
- * Biosolids Flow-through Thermophilic Treatment Demonstration Project, Columbus Water Works, Columbus - \$2,250,000
- * Science, Engineering, Math and Aerospace programs at Albany State University, Albany - \$1,000,000
- * Lagoon Waste Management Demonstration Project, Georgia Environmental Training and Education Authority (Grady, Early, Miller, Quitman, Sumter and Lee Counties)- \$400,000

Additional Georgia VA-HUD Projects supported by Congressman Bishop

Additional Georgia Project Total: \$3,725,000

- * Morehouse School of Medicine Land Acquisition - \$400,000
- * Morehouse College African American Archival Program Facilities - \$100,000
- * Morehouse College Performing Arts Center - \$100,000
- * Offset Banking Water Quality Improvement Program, Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center - \$100,000
- * University of Georgia Facilities Buildout: South West Georgia value-added product development - \$75,000
- * Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement, City of Forsyth - \$1,250,000
- * West Area Combined Sewer Project, City of Atlanta - \$700,000
- * City of Atlanta Nancy Creek Project - \$1,000,000